

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A pillow for holding an infant, the pillow comprising:
2 a pillow body having a padded region and a well region, wherein the padded
3 region comprises an upper section, a lower section and two side sections that surround the well
4 region, wherein the padded region further comprises a cover and a fill material stuffed within the
5 cover, ~~and~~ wherein the pillow body angles upward from the lower section to the upper section
6 such that when an infant is placed onto the pillow the infant is inclined, with the infant's bottom
7 resting in the well region and the infant's back and head resting on the upper section, and
8 wherein the well region is situated between the upper section and the lower section so as to be
9 suspended above a surface onto which the pillow body rests.

1 2. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the well region comprises a
2 piece of fabric disposed between the upper section, the lower section, and the two side sections.

1 3. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the pillow body angles upward
2 from the lower section to the upper section at an angle in the range from about 9 degrees to about
3 15 degrees.

1 4. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the well region is generally
2 circular and has a diameter in the range from about 4 inches to about 7 inches.

1 5. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the lower section and the side
2 sections extend above the well region by a distance in the range from about 1 inch to about 3
3 inches.

1 6. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the upper section extends
2 above the well region by a distance in the range from about 2 inches to about 8 inches.

1 7. (Original) A pillow as in claim 1, wherein the pillow body has a length in
2 the range from about 14 inches to about 24 inches, and a width in the range from about 8 inches
3 to about 20 inches.

1 8. (Original) pillow as in claim 1, wherein the well region is positioned
2 within about 3 inches to about 7 inches of the lower section and the side sections.

1 9. (Currently amended) A method for supporting an infant, the method
2 comprising:

3 providing a support pillow that comprises a pillow body having a padded region
4 and a well region, wherein the padded region comprises an upper section, a lower section and
5 two side sections that surround the well region, wherein the padded region further comprises a
6 cover and a fill material stuffed within the cover, ~~and~~ wherein the pillow body angles upward
7 from the lower section to the upper section, and wherein the well region is situated between the
8 upper section and the lower section so as to be suspended above a surface onto which the pillow
9 body rests;

10 placing an infant onto the support pillow in an inclined orientation, with the
11 infant's bottom resting in the well region above the surface and the infant's back and head resting
12 on the upper section.

1 10. (Original) A method as in claim 9, wherein the infant is inclined at an
2 angle in the range from about 9 degrees to about 15 degrees.

1 11. (Original) A method as in claim 9, further comprising wrapping the infant
2 in a blanket prior to placing the infant onto the support pillow.

1 12. (Original) A method as in claim 9, further comprising feeding the infant
2 while on the support pillow.

1 13. (Original) A method as in claim 9, wherein the well region comprises a
2 piece of fabric disposed between the upper section, the lower section, and the two side sections,
3 and wherein the infant's bottom is placed onto the piece of fabric.

1 14. (Currently amended) A pillow kit comprising:
2 a support pillow that comprises a pillow body having a padded region and a well
3 region, wherein the padded region comprises an upper section, a lower section and two side
4 sections that surround the well region, wherein the padded region further comprises a cover and a
5 fill material stuffed within the cover, ~~and~~ wherein the pillow body angles upward from the lower
6 section to the upper section such that when an infant is placed onto the pillow the infant is
7 inclined, with the infant's bottom resting in the well region and the infant's back and head resting
8 on the upper section, and wherein the well region is situated between the upper section and the
9 lower section so as to be suspended above a surface onto which the pillow body rests; and
10 a transparent covering having an open interior sized to receive and hold the
11 support pillow.

1 15. (Original) A pillow kit as in claim 14, wherein the covering has a bottom
2 end, a top end with an opening, and a fastener to close the opening.

1 16. (Original) A pillow kit as in claim 15, further comprising a pair of
2 handles coupled to the top end.

1 17. (Original) A pillow kit as in claim 15, wherein the covering has a shape
2 that closely matches the shape of the support pillow.

1 18. (Original) A pillow kit as in claim 15, wherein the well region comprises
2 a piece of fabric disposed between the upper section, the lower section, and the two side sections.

1 19. (Original) A pillow kit as in claim 15, wherein the pillow body angles at
2 an angle in the range from about 9 degrees to about 15 degrees.

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20. (Original) A pillow as in claim 15, wherein the well region is generally circular and has a diameter in the range from about 4 inches to about 7 inches.